

As to there being, in gross amount, "fifty millions of dollars in schemes, issued in the United States every year," we can only say, that we cannot ascertain the precise amount of such schemes; neither have we any disposition to pry into the affairs of other States (out of our province,) to defend charges brought against us there; but we solemnly declare, that the contractors (Messrs. Yates & McIntyre) do not add one cent to the scheme price of tickets which they sell to the lottery dealers, and we need not go beyond the State of Maryland to prove the fact.

As respects "this vast amount of schemes issued," we show that the entire sales made in this market (which includes a part of the adjoining states,) is less than from 1-60th to 1-100th part of each scheme, in which tickets are sold; as you will see by comparing the sales of the last Maryland Lottery, class No. 26, for 1834, with the scheme; it will be found that the sales are only 1-101½ part of that scheme.

See scheme, Md. 26, amount,	\$243,090 00
" entire sales of this market, is	2,394 90

Which gives the above result.

For your *inspection*, we send you our Invoice Book, in which you will find our amount sales extended agreeable to our returns made to the contractors, showing conclusive evidence of the above facts.

The charge "that not more than two-thirds or one half of the amount, received for tickets, is ever returned to the purchasers of tickets in prize money," is as preposterous as it is false!!

In the Maryland Lotteries, the drawings have produced a larger proportion of prizes sold, than the proper average to the amount of sales—so that the contractors are not much, if any, gainers on the Maryland Lotteries for the two last years; besides, the risk has terminated against the contractors, on an average of tickets sold in all the lotteries, both at home and abroad, of nearly or quite three per cent. during the three last years; which shews that the balance of luck has been in favor of the purchasers. We challenge one single instance to be produced where the prizes have not been punctually and fairly paid agreeably to the scheme set forth, whether the luck was against the contractors or not.

The charge of "not less than 12 or 15 millions of dollars being divided among the lottery dealers, as their proportion of the profits per annum," we need only refer you to our